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SUBJ: LABOR PROBLEMS AT INCIRLIK AND OTHER SMUGGLING RAID FALL-
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1) SUMMARY. HARB-IS LEADER THREATENS STRIKE AT INCIRLIK IF
EES WORKERS NOT RESTORED TO DUTY. CHANCES ARE STRIKE WON'T IN
FACT HAPPEN, BUT POSSIBILITY NOT TO BE RULED OUT. END SUMMARY.

2) ADANA-INCIRLIK UNION PRESIDENT ZEKI KISIAL DURING PAST
WEEK HAS WAGED FIERCE CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE TO DUTY SOME THIRTEEN

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EUROPEAN EXCHANGE SYSTEM EMPLOYEES WHO UNDERWENT POLICE INTER-
ROGATION DURING RECENT BLACK MARKET IMBROGLIO. EMPLOYEES HAVE
BEEN PUT ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY AND KISIAL HAD EARLIER
ACCEPTED THIS AS FITTING. HIS RENEWED EFFORTS IN WORKERS' BEHALF
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ARE AS VEHEMENT AS ORIGINS THESE EFFORTS ARE MIXED. USAF AND EES

OFFICERS REMAIN CONVINCED STATUS OF EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED UNTIL FORMAL STATEMENT OF SOME KIND ISSUED BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES THAT NO CHARGES AGAINST EES EMPLOYEES WILL BE MADE.

3) KISIAL CAMPAIGN BEGAN EARLY WEEK JUNE 24 WITH PRIVATE THREATS TO CALL STRIKE. CAMPAIGN ESCALATED TO ONE LOCAL NEWS-PAPER, YENI ADANA, JUNE 26 WITH PUBLISHED REMARKS OF ADANA RPP PARLIAMENT MEMBER EMIN BILEN TUMER, CHARGING GRAVE INJUSTICE TO TURKISH WORKERS. TUMER REMARKS WERE TO EFFECT THAT GUILTY AMERICANS HAD BEEN RESTORED TO DUTY, WHILE TURKS WHO HAD PROVED THEMSELVES INNOCENT REMAINED PREVENTED FROM RETURNING TO THEIR JOBS. NO DOUBT EXISTS TUMER STATEMENT WAS KISIAL INSPIRED.

4) TODAY JUNE 27 YENI ADANA PRINTED EVEN MORE INTEMPERATE INTERVIEW, THIS TIME WITH KISIAL IN WHICH THREAT TO STRIKE GIVEN. HEADLINE USED TURKISH WORD COMMONLY INTERPRETED TO MEAN "FIRED" IN REFERENCE TO WORKERS' STATUS. STATED THAT UNION BOARD OF

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GOVERNORS HAD AGREED JUNE 26 TO STRIKE UNLESS FULL RESTORATION TOOK PLACE WITHIN 24 HOURS. WENT ON TO THREATEN THAT NEITHER TURKS NOR AMERICANS WORKING AT INCIRLIK WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ENTER WORKSITE, AND TO CHARGE THAT TRUE REASON FOR EES SUSPENSIONS WAS TO ENABLE EES TO REPLACE TURKISH WORKERS WITH AMERICANS.

5) KISIAL ALSO PRESENTED DURING WEEK WHAT PURPORTS TO BE RELEASE STATEMENT BY POLICE FOR FOUR OF EES WORKERS, BUT IN FACT SOURCE OF DOCUMENT IS DUBIOUS AND STATEMENT AMBIGUOUS. SEPARATE ATTEMPT BY INCIRLIK JAG OFFICER TO OBTAIN FROM POLICE OR COURT DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF SMUGGLING CASE STATUS MET WITH POLITE AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE BUT SET WITHIN NO PARTICULAR TIME FRAME.

6) COMMENT. KISIAL'S INITIATIVE MAY DERIVE AT LEAST IN PART FROM HIS BEING BESET WITH PROBLEMS OF HIS OWN. HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER ON PROMISE OF SEVERANCE PAY FOR USAF WORKERS (ADANA 045); HE IS SAID TO BE IN SERIOUS CONFLICT WITH CERTAIN MEMBERS OF HARB-IS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP, AND HIS THREAT TO BOLT TURK-IS FOR "DISK" AFFILIATION PROVED HOLLOW; HE IS EVEN NOW AT INCIRLIK FACING RIVAL GROUP SEEKING TO FORM ALTERNATIVE UNION OUTSIDE HIS SWAY. HE IS MERCURIAL AND HIS ACTIONS IN SOME CASES APPEAR IRRESPONSIBLE. ALL THIS COULD MEAN HE WOULD NOT BE

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FOLLOWED BY HIS TROOPS INTO PRECIPITATE ACTION, IF INDEED HE TAKES THIS COURSE. BUT AT SAME TIME HE COULD CREATE GREAT MISCHIEF AS HIS OWN SITUATION ERODES.

7) IN SEPARATE ACTION, APPEARS NOW THAT CASE AGAINST AMCITS JOHNSON, UNDERHILL AND BURTON HAS BEEN DROPPED AND POSSIBLY

AGAINST OTHER AMERICANS AS WELL.

8) ON YET OTHER STAGE, WE NOTE THAT ALLEGED BLACK MARKET STORES RAIDED JUNE 7 ARE FOR MOST PART BACK IN BUSINESS, ALBEIT WITH DIMINISHED STORE OF GOODS. HALLMAN.

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